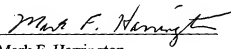


## REMARKS

The amendment removes the multiple dependencies from the claims and adds additional claims. The amendment removing multiple dependencies was not made for a reason related to patentability, and the full range of equivalents for all of the elements of the amended claims, as well as for all of the other claims, should remain intact.

A favorable consideration that results in the allowance of all of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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